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Japanese Patent Nos. 2517493 and 2940898 (Publication Nos. H04-341606 and H06-323315, respectively) are discussed in the specification.

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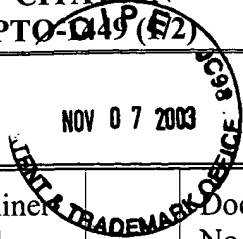
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